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Concerning the

Election of Members

For the Ensuing

PARLIAMENT.

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*Some Queries concerning the Election of
Members of the Ensuing Parliament.*

1. **W**Hether the King hath not lately by Actions, as well as Promises, declar'd himself for the Interest of the Church of *England*; and whether those Republicans, who have always made it their business to libel Kings, can more effectually abuse his Present Majesty, than in traducing him as their Friend, and in using, as heretofore, a Kings Name against his Design and Interest ?

2. Whether those are true to the Interest of that Church, who endeavour'd in the last Session to incapacitate some of the best Members of it ; and who were so far from granting that Amnesty which the King desir'd and propos'd, that they carried their Fury back to more than one preceeding Reign, and set aside all Acts of Indemnity, but that, which most of them need, in the Year 1660 ?

3. Whether since the Dissenters do not now desire a Toleration for themselves, which we have already granted, but openly threaten and pursue their Revenge on us, it is not necessary that these apparent dangers, at least, should awaken us out of our Lethargy ; and whether the Negligence of the Church of *England*, which on like occasions heretofore, was thought the result of Pity and Good Nature, would not now be esteem'd the Effect of Cowardize and Stupidity ?

4. Whether those Gentlemen of the Sword, who have Offices in *Ireland*, would not be better imploy'd in a Council of War than a Senate-House ? Whether, if they think it convenient, it would not be proper for them to make one Visit to the *Remains* of their Regiments there, and to contribute by some other means to the Reducing that Kingdom, than by giving *Taxes* ?

5. Whether those restless Phanaticks, who have been bred up in Rebellion, and have always since been active Promoters of Sedition, ought not in conscience to desist now, and to be contented with the *single* glory of having once ruin'd this Kingdom?

See a List
of those
that were
for the Re-
gency 1690.
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6. Whether those Worthy Gentlemen have been justly expos'd, in a late impudent Pamphlet, that were more hasty for sending a *speedy Relief* into *Ireland*, than for changing the Right of Succession in an Hereditary Kingdom; and whether they may not possibly deserve a place again in the House, though they thought it more Expedient for this Nation to beat K. *James* out of that *One* Kingdom, than to Vote his Daughter out of *Three*?

7. Whether the King be not now sensible, that most of those hasty Abdicators did not change the Succession out of kindness to him, but out of a farther Design of bringing in a Commonwealth, or, in other words, of making this an Elective, and precarious Monarchy?

8. Whether the Temper of those Excellent Members deserves Censure, who have promoted a General Pardon, and in that an Universal Quiet and Satisfaction; and who were not very active in suspending the Bishops, *unwhipping Oats*, and in Excepting every body out of the *no-Act* of Indemnity?

9. Whether any Man can justly stand Recommended to your Choice by no other Advantages than those of an old Treason, and a long Exile for it? and whether one may reasonably be thought to have improv'd his Crime into Vertue, and to become a *Patriot* of his Country, by being *outlaw'd* into *Holland*?

10. Whether such men as these may not possibly be Factors for *Geneva* and *Amsterdam*, and more mindful of their late Fellow-Burgers than their old Countrymen; and whether their frequent protestation, That they are *true Englishmen*, would not convince the greatest Sceptick, (if he

he understands their veracity,) That they are *not* so.

11. Whether our good Brethren the *Dutch*, according to their usual kindness, would not, in all probability, have forbore to arrest us for their Debt, till the Conquest of *Ireland* had put us in a capacity of repaying them; and whether those Men, who in the absence of most of the Members, gave 600000 *l.* to the *Dutch*, did not more consider their own good will to the Creditors, than our ability.

12. Whether it was not a strange instance of Justice, in a Knight of the Shire, to move for a new assessement of his own County; and whether if the County do not choose him again. They will not demonstratively shew, that they have more kindness for their Money than their Representative?

I do not mean Sir R. Nudigate, nor Sir R. Cotton of Cheshire.

13. Whether there ever was a better Parliament in General, than that of *K. James* the Second, and whether any body would approve the Re-election of those worthy Members, who do not wish for a new *Monmouth*, and another *Argyle*?

14. Whether many honest Gentlemen, of Nice Principles, did not desist from standing at the last Election, as having raised more Scruples to themselves than they could easily answer; and therefore not hoping to untie the *Gordian* Knot, put it for once into the hands of those men who could effectually cut it. And whether now these Gentlemen will not be concern'd to redeem their neglect, and the more diligently to avert the blow, by how much the less careful they were to prevent the stroke.

15. Whether the Clergy of the *C. of E.* are not concern'd to be as diligent against Phanaticism now, as of late against Popery; at least, such of them as have a greater Respect for Pulpits and Chappels, than for Tubs and Barns?

16. Whether if those men who were incapacitated for procuring or consenting to Surrenders, shall again Vote for their Judges, they will not give a signal Instance of their forgiving humour, and shew to the World, that they have a great share of *good Nature*, though perhaps not an equal portion of *Sense*?

*Su. Wheeler
iber Mr.
Sacheve-
rell.*

17. Whether it would not be Heroick for all those Publick-Spirited Gentlemen, to take up Mr. S—'s Resolution of never standing again till they can be chosen by *honest Regulators only*?

18. Whether the incapacitating Clause was not brought into the House by Mr. Sach——— and whether the following List be not a true account of those that seconded him in it?

Be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That every Mayor, Recorder, Alderman, Steward, Sheriff, Common-Council-man, Town-Clerk, Magistrate, or Officer; who did take upon him to consent to, or joyn in, any such Surrender, or Instrument purporting such Surrender as aforesaid. Or did solicit, procure, prosecute, or did pay or contribute to the charge of prosecuting any Scire facias, Quo Warranto, or Information in the nature of Quo Warranto, by this Act declared void, shall be, and is declared, adjudged, and Enacted to be for the space of seven years incapable, and disabled to all Intents and Purposes, to bear, or execute any Office, Employment, or Place of Trust, as a Member of such respective Body Corporate, or in or for such respective City, Town, Burg or Cinque-port, whereof, or wherein he was a Member, at, or before the time of making such Surrender, or Instrument purporting such Surrender, or the suing out, or prosecuting such Scire facias, Quo Warranto, or Information in nature of Quo Warranto, any thing in this Act contained, or any other Case, Statute, or any Ordinance, Charter, Custom, or any thing to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

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